

## MONTANA CLEAN CARS TALKING POINTS

**Montana's Clean Car standards will protect the state by reducing smog and global warming pollution coming from our cars, trucks, and SUVs.**

- The Montana clean car standards will require automakers to cut global warming emissions from their vehicles 30 percent by 2016 and achieve additional reductions through 2020.
- According to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Montana Clean Car standards would reduce global warming emissions 5.2 million metric tons by 2020.<sup>1</sup>

**Clean car standards will not only make Montana air cleaner, they will help Montana avoid the worst effects of climate change.**

- According to the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, Northeast states will see a 15.2% reduction in smog-forming nitrogen oxide pollution (NO<sub>x</sub>) and a 6.9% reduction of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions by 2025.<sup>2</sup> While modeling results may vary slightly from state to state, Montana will likely see similar reductions. Montana's citizens will all breathe easier when Montana becomes a clean car state.

**The proportion of Montana's greenhouse gas emissions coming from cars and light trucks is much higher than the national average – Montana has more to gain from cleaner cars.**

- Transportation accounts for 20% percent of the Montana's global warming emissions – two-thirds of which come from passenger vehicles alone.<sup>3</sup> Comparatively, only 17% of US greenhouse gas emissions come from cars and light trucks.<sup>4</sup> Therefore, Montana has more to gain from cleaner cars.

**Not only will clean car standards reduce global warming and smog pollution, they will save consumers money at the pump.**

**Consumers will still have a full range of vehicle options when purchasing a new vehicle.**

- These standards will not prevent farmers and small businesses from buying work vehicles, such as heavy pickup trucks, since they are exempt from these standards.

**Montanans overwhelmingly support clean cars.**

- When asked by the Union of Concerned Scientists, 87% of Montanans polled supported the statement that carmakers should be required to make more efficient cars that pollute less and use less gasoline.<sup>5</sup>

**California will soon be granted it's clean car waiver, which will allow 14 other states to enact clean car standards.**

- On January 26, 2009, President Obama directed the EPA to reconsider California's request for a waiver to enact clean car standards.

**Automakers already have a range of pollution-reducing technologies sitting on the shelf. Montana should join 14 other states in passing clean car standards and ensure that these technologies are put to use to achieve even greater pollution reductions.**

**The bottom line is, with cleaner, more efficient cars, Montanans will breathe easier at both at the pump and in less polluted air. Montana can lead the way on clean cars, pushing the auto industry into improving cars nationwide.**

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.mtclimatechange.us/ewebeditpro/items/O127F11298.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management. "Summary of NESCAUM Analysis Evaluating the NO<sub>x</sub>, HC, and CO Emission Reduction Potential from Adoption of the California Low Emission Vehicle (LEV II) Standards." June 2005.

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.mtclimatechange.us/ewebeditpro/items/O127F14041.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Environmental Protection Agency. "Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2006." April 2008.

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/global\\_warming/DBR-Presentation-for-the-Energy-Foundation-v8-without-Oregon.pdf](http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/global_warming/DBR-Presentation-for-the-Energy-Foundation-v8-without-Oregon.pdf)